



FDsys and Trustworthy Digital Repository Certification

In January 2013, the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) will begin an audit process for GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) to become a certified trustworthy digital repository.

GPO completed an internal audit of FDsys in 2011 to ensure FDsys stakeholders, including Federal depository libraries and the general public, that GPO's official system of record provides permanent public access to Government information. Trusted repository certification from an external party offers an impartial assurance and other benefits as well.

The [Center for Research Libraries](#) (CRL) is conducting the audit. They will use the Trusted Repository Audit and Certification (TRAC) [metrics and criteria](#) published by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Research Libraries Group (RLG), and CRL.

During the audit, CRL will examine elements such as organizational infrastructure, governance, policy framework, funding, digital object management, ingest, access, preservation, metadata, and technologies, technical infrastructure, and security. For more details about the elements and measures see [Trustworthy Repositories Audit & Certification: Criteria and Checklist](#).

Completion of the CRL audit is expected by September 2013. GPO is the first Federal agency to seek external certification as a Trustworthy Digital Repository.